

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES AND MINERALS
LOK SABHA**

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COAL STORED AT PITHEADS
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Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have fixed any maximum limit for the quantity of coal to be stored at pitheads of the coal mines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantity of coal stored at pitheads of mines during 1999-2000 and selling price thereof;
- (d) whether the periodic checks of the quantity of coal stored of these pitheads are conducted;
- (e) if so, the details of such checks conducted during 1999-2000; and
- (f) the manner in which the quantity of coal is measured at the pitheads?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES & MINERALS

(SMT. RITA VERMA)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The stocking policy of subsidiary companies under Coal India Limited is as under:

- (i) For a subsidiary company as a whole, the company's stock at pithead should be equal to one month's production;
- (ii) At each colliery, the pithead stock should not exceed three months' production; and
- (iii) Collieries should always carry at their pitheads sufficient stocks to enable them to load the available number of wagons, timely.

(c) The subsidiary-wise provisional book stock of vendible coal as on 31.3.2000 is as under:

(in lakh tonnes)	
ECL	30.60
BCCL	32.77
CCL	43.54
NCL	14.42
WCL	23.21
SECL	70.94
MCL	54.93
NEC	5.78
Total CIL	276.19

(d)&(e) Yes Sir. During 1999-2000, CIL got physically verified stocks of coal held as on 1.4.1999 at all the mines and washeries. During the year, check surveys were also conducted by CIL at 44 pitheads.

(f) The measuring teams are guided by prevalent norms and established survey procedures. The measuring teams verify stocks in the following manner:

- (i) Physical measurement of stocks at different points of storage.
- (ii) Computation of stock as on 1st April of the year is done by taking the adopted stock as on 1st April of the previous year as the base and then adjusting productions and offtakes during the year.
- (iii) Comparison with book stock as on 1st April of the year.

